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## CARL R. LEE IS KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Carl R. Lee was killed by a stroke of lightning on last Thursday afternoon, twenty miles northwest of Clovis. During a shower of rain, Mr. Lee drove with his team into the barn when lightning struck the building, killing him and destroying the building by fire. The remains were burned past recognition.

Mr. Lee was twenty-four years old and was a brother to Jess Lee and Mrs. Trig Lawson of this city and Mrs. Black, who lives northeast of town. The remains were shipped to Seymour, Texas, for burial and were accompanied by his brother, Jess Lee.

## BAND CONCERTS SHOULD BE FINANCED

Many people were in Clovis last Saturday night to hear the band concerts, which have been discontinued on account of their not being financed. The Saturday night concerts are an exceptionally attractive feature for Clovis and financial arrangements should be made to keep them going.

## PORK HITS NEW HIGH RECORD IN CHICAGO

Chicago, July 1.—Hogs Tuesday commanded the highest price ever known, \$21.75 a hundredweight. The previous topmost July record was last year, \$19.40. Today's strength in the hog market was ascribed chiefly to export demand for packing house products.

Before the United States entered the great war \$10.25 was the acre for hogs in July.

## SENATOR FALL AGAINST LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Washington, June 30.—The league of nations was attacked in the senate today by Senator Fall, republican, New Mexico, as a proposal to "scrap the American constitution," and was defended by Senator Gerry, democrat, of Rhode Island, as a necessity to protect American rights. Mr. Fall, a member of the foreign relations committee, described the treaty with Germany as not a treaty of peace, but a treaty of alliance, and asserted he could not vote to ratify it without violating his oath of office.

Mr. Gerry, who recently returned from a tour of European countries, said the treaty represented the appeal of the millions of Europe for American cooperation in bringing a new day of peace.

## TO BUILD SEVERAL RESIDENCES IN CLOVIS

Mrs. L. B. Simpkinson of California has let the contract for five new residences to J. B. Comer. The painting of the houses goes to Bert Curless. These will be rental properties and will be built in different parts of town. It is understood that Mrs. Simpkinson contemplates letting the contract for several more houses real soon.

## FOOD SALE

The Methodist Ladies will have a food sale at the Harris Furniture Store, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Saturday, July 5th.

Mrs. J. W. Welch returned this week from a visit to Henderson, Ky. Mr. Welch will arrive here next week.

## ALL READY FOR RANCHVALE PICNIC

An arbor has been built and all the preparations have been completed for the big picnic at Ranchvale on tomorrow, the Fourth of July. The program will start there at 10:00. The morning program will consist mostly of the addresses for the day and music by the Clovis Ladies' Band, while the afternoon will be taken up by the races and athletic stunts. A big crowd is expected to attend.

## COAL SHORTAGE FOR NEXT WINTER

Chicago, June 30.—Government coal production figures point to "the greatest coal shortage in history" next winter, unless production is stimulated immediately 25 per cent or more throughout the nation, according to a statement made public today by F. S. Peabody, chairman of the National Coal association's special committee dealing with the prospective shortage.

"The information gathered by the committee is that at the present rate of production, one industrial plant out of every eight in the United States will have to shut down next winter for lack of coal," said the statement, which attributed falling off in production to extremely low demand.

## SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND DECLARED

At the regular semi-annual meeting of the directors of the First National Bank this week the regular semi-annual dividend of five percent was paid and \$2500 was placed to the surplus account.

## NU-MEX OIL COMPANY MEANS BUSINESS

Portales has an oil proposition backed by a bunch of live boosters and oil men, and from the appearance of things they are going to put down a test well and do it pretty quick. The movement is backed by the Nu-Mex Oil Company, a strong association of business men of Ada, Okla., and with them in the hearty co-operation of the business interests of Portales.

The company has about 25,000 acres in the vicinity of the Jack Wilcox ranch south of Portales.

Portales is inviting the co-operation of Clovis in their project and no doubt they will get it for we are directly interested in any oil development in this section of 100 miles around Clovis. Wednesday afternoon a bunch of Portales boosters and live wires visited Clovis and after some fine music by Johnson's Band a stirring address was made by former Assistant District Attorney Mears of that place.

The Nu-Mex Oil Company's holdings have been pronounced as first class by some eminent geologists and it is believed by the promoters of the company that they have a most excellent chance to strike a gusher.

Those who were here Wednesday with the bunch of Portales boosters were: Ex-Gov. Lindsey, W. B. Oldham, E. B. Hawkins, J. T. Wilcox, Senator R. G. Bryant, F. R. Smith, Ben Smith, Miss Maude Smith, Miss Lela Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hagerling, H. B. Gutches, J. B. Young, Mrs. J. T. Wilcox, Mrs. R. G. Bryant, Mrs. McDowell, Scott McDowell, Clyde Knapp, Coe Howard, A. D. Ribble, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hardy, Miss Lurline Sandifer, Miss Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Peterson, Miss Sue Henderson, H. B. Ryther, and T. E. Mears.

These Portales folks while here were not neglecting to say a good word for the big Fourth of July picnic that will be held there on the Fourth and to which the Clovis public has been invited.

## READY TO SOLICIT FUNDS

At a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the Curry County Fair organization held Wednesday evening it was decided to organize a fair association and sell stock to the farmers and business men of the county, it being the idea to get every man possible in the county to subscribe. A committee was named to solicit subscriptions in town and the president of the fair association will name a committee to secure stock subscriptions among the farmers at the Ranchvale picnic. The purchase of a site, the building of a race track and sheds for livestock and an exhibition hall will take in the neighborhood of \$10,000 it is figured. This investment would put the fair on a permanent basis.

Rooms for Rent—Enquire of Mrs. Chas. Morris, 144 North Connelly, Phone 471.

## BONE DRY RULING WILL BE SOUGHT

Washington, July 1.—Test cases on the sale of beverages containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol will be brought immediately by the department of Justice in all jurisdictions where such cases now are pending.

"We propose to make immediate arrests of persons who violate the wartime prohibition law, according to our interpretation thereof," Attorney General Palmer said today. "The department does not intend, however, to be swept off its feet the first day that prohibition comes into effect. We will proceed in an orderly fashion to establish whether intoxicating beverages prescribed by the law include those having less than 2% per cent alcohol."

## LOVELY BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. F. A. Mayhall was hostess Saturday afternoon, June 28th, at a delightful bridge party, complimenting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John L. Mayhall, of Jefferson City, Mo. The house was beautifully decorated with sweet peas. At the close of a number of interesting games, Mrs. John O. Pritchard held high score and was awarded first prize. Mrs. E. R. Casel, being the next lucky player won the second prize. A most tempting two-course luncheon was served to the following guests: Mrs. J. H. Barry, Mrs. H. A. Miller, Mrs. C. A. Scheurich, Mrs. R. F. Pixley, Mrs. S. A. Jones, Mrs. Jno. O. Pritchard, Mrs. A. L. Dillon, Mrs. F. B. Harod, Mrs. Fred Dennis, Mrs. W. H. Duckworth, Mrs. Felix Mandell, Mrs. E. R. Casel, Mrs. C. E. Snyder, Mrs. W. B. Mersfelder, Mrs. Dalton Reed, Mrs. Chas. Melton, Mrs. Chas. Shannon, Mrs. E. M. Chapman, Mrs. Jewel Kimberlin, Mrs. F. M. Malone, Mrs. John Mayhall, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. R. M. Bishop and Mrs. A. W. Skarda.

## JOHNSON'S BAND TO PLAY AT PORTALES

Johnson's Band will play for the Fourth of July celebration at Portales. The excellent bunch of musicians also had requests to several other places and Portales is fortunate to have gotten her bid in early.

## W. E. MARSH GETS MOUNTED POLICE JOB

W. E. Marsh received his appointment the past week as mounted police for Curry County. Mr. Marsh's position is a salaried one and he will devote his entire time to the duties of the office. A number of other appointments were made for the several counties of the state at the time Mr. Marsh was made, all to take effect July 1st. Mr. Marsh had the backing of the local republican organization for the job and his friends are congratulating him this week on his appointment.

Raymundo Harrison has been re-appointed Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner.

## OIL PROSPECTS

Clovis is likely to one of these days be the center of a great oil field as we have several chances at the game. South of us drilling plans are being made at Kenna and also south of Portales. To the west, a big test well has been started down near Taiban. In Quay County, north of Clovis, a well is now going down at three or four hundred feet. In addition to this several leasing propositions in Curry County have big acreages and show excellent promise of a test being made. Clovis is so situated that if oil or gas is discovered within fifty to a hundred miles of us this town will get the advantage of the discovery on account of its superior railroad facilities.

## THREE CENT STAMPS MAY BE REDEEMED

Postmaster Wagner states that those having 3-cent stamps or stamped envelopes of that denomination, may redeem them for their full face value by presenting them at the stamp window at the postoffice. This is done as a convenience to persons who are overstocked with three-cent stamps which they cannot use since the new rates have gone into effect.

## \$2500 IN BILLS BURNED IN AN AUTOMOBILE

Las Cruces, June 30.—A party of tourists enroute to Los Angeles in a Studebaker car met with hard luck near Las Cruces last week. A lot of grips and bags of clothing were in the back of the car and in some way caught on fire, completely destroying the baggage and ruining the cushions of the car. The owner stated that in one of the grips was over \$2,500 in currency which was a total loss as all the bills were burned up. After the fire was out the owner drove the car back to Las Cruces on its own power as the engine was not damaged. Beside the money in one of the grips the loss of baggage will amount to about \$2,000. It is thought the fire started from some matches which were going to the back seat of the car.

## OIL IS FOUND HERE IN SURFACE ROCK

It may amuse you at first to hear that oil is found in surface rock picked up near Clovis, but it is a fact nevertheless. Victor Nelson, a farmer, who also has his side lights on oil rocks and who is a confirmed believer that a vast lake of oil underlies this section of the country, came into a local real estate dealers office recently, with a pocket full of rocks. "What are you going to do with those rocks?" said the dealer. "I believe they contain oil and I am going to send them to Chicago to have them analyzed," said Mr. Nelson, and he did, much to the astonishment of the dealer when he read the following report:

Mr. C. J. Nelson,  
35 South Dearborn St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:  
We have made a careful examination of the sample of Rock recently submitted to us, and found that it contains 19 per cent of oil.

The percentage of oil in this rock is so small that we cannot determine its value. The fact that this rock contains oil is a good indication that there is probably oil in the locality.

Yours very truly,  
DEAVITT LABORATORIES,  
(Signed) H. M. Deavitt,  
Director.

Editor Ryther of the Portales Journal was among the Portales boosters who were in Clovis Wednesday. Mr. Ryther thinks the oil prospects south of his town are fine and that the Nu-Mex Co., operating there will bring in a gusher when their deep test goes down on the Wilcox ranch. Mr. Ryther says the oil excitement has already made things liven up at Portales and that people are trading actively in leases in all sections south of town.

C. B. Megarity and family of Beaumont, Texas, are here visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, K. C. Childers. Mr. Megarity is assistant cashier of the Texas State Bank & Trust Co., of Beaumont, and says he is delighted with this section of the country. "There is more land here than in any country I ever saw," Mr. Megarity said Thursday to the Newsman. Mr. Megarity and family and Mr. Childers and family will leave this week for an automobile trip to the mountains in the western part of the state.

Mrs. Ted P. Hollifield, who has been quite sick, is improving.

The postoffice force was almost swamped Tuesday. All first of the month statements by the banks and business houses were held back until after the first to be mailed, which made an exceptionally heavy mail for Tuesday and the postoffice force was all day long getting it behind them.

## DRILLING STARTS IN TAIBAN FIELD

Last week the Clovis Oil Company signed a contract with Arthur Kelsey, I. W. Kulp, Art Smith, and W. W. McGee, prominent in the Texas Oil fields, for putting down a deep test well at Taiban. The rig was already on the track at Taiban at the time the contract was signed and there was absolutely no delay in getting things to moving.

The first of the week teams started to moving out the drilling machinery and piping was laid to a well a short distance away, where an abundance of water that will be pumped by a gasoline engine. Actual drilling operations will commence about Saturday of this week and there will be no delay in getting the well down to the necessary depth to find oil. Those behind the company, feel sure that their aim will be attained before the well gets to a depth of 3,000 feet. Numbers of the best geologists in the country have passed favorably on the Taiban field and it is certain that if there is oil anywhere in New Mexico that the drill should strike it in this field west of Clovis. There has been talk of this well for the past several months but it seems that a suitable contract could not be made until now, but now that the people's hope for a thorough test of this great field have been realized, there will be much activity among those who follow oil operation. Already oil operators are visiting the section around Taiban, and there will soon be much activity in oil leases.

## Location of Well.

There has been much speculation as to just where the company would locate its well, but all this was put at rest the first of the week when it was announced that it would be on the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, township 2 N, range 27 east, which is southwest of the town of Taiban two miles. Prominent geologists have said this is the logical place for the well as the structures are favorable at this point. The well machinery used by the drilling company is first class in every respect.

## MIX PIQUANT MARGUERITE CLARK

Mix piquant, captivating Marguerite Clark in a batter of love, suspense, thrills and pathos and you have the ingredients for "Come Out of the Kitchen" in which this little favorite will be shown at the Lyceum Theatre Saturday night, July 5th. Marguerite Clark is quite domestic—since her marriage—and she appears in a sweet and domestic costume, but at that, there is something in Marguerite Clark's expression as she looks over a dead chicken that indicates dubiety—not so much about the chicken, which is a perfectly good one, but about what she ought to do with it. Perhaps it has something to do with why she wants to "Come Out of the Kitchen." Anyway you'll enjoy the story which is taken from one of the greatest New York Stage Successes. And there's one of those exorbitantly funny Mack Sennett Comedies with Cross Eyed Ben Turpin in it. This is some combination—Marguerite Clark and Ben Turpin. It means you'll have to come early or "Try to Get In" later. Remember Saturday night, July 5th.

E. C. Parker, principal of the High School here, left the first of the week for a visit at his old home at Erie, Kansas. After spending a few days there, Mr. Parker will go on to Chicago to take a special course at Chicago University, and will return to Clovis about September 1st to assume his duties as teacher here again.

## FIGHT RETURNS AT RANCHVALE

Those who attend the Ranchvale picnic will be able to get the results of the big prize fight between Dempsey and Willard. The fight returns will be received by rounds in Clovis and it will be carried out to Ranchvale and posted there also.

## BOUGHT ALL THE HARVESTING MACHINERY

Hardware men report having sold every binder and header this year that they had in stock or that they could procure during the past month. The matter of enough headers and binders to cut the wheat this year is quite a problem but it is believed that there are enough in the county to save the wheat crop if there is no bad weather.

## IN COOL COLORADO

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Kuykendall and little son, George Harold, and Miss Minnie Rogers left Monday morning for an automobile trip to Colorado. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. S. Roger and son, Paul, of Senath, Mo., who have been here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kuykendall.

## BACK ON THE JOB

L. M. DeFord, who has been in the service until recently, has returned to Clovis and will again be with W. I. Luikart & Company. Mr. DeFord has been overseas and left Clovis with the company of volunteers organized when hostilities were first declared. Mr. DeFord's mother, Mrs. Helen DeFord, has returned.

## CLOVIS MAY GET FEDERAL BUILDING

There is a general feeling that Clovis is going to have a federal building one of these days. The postoffice is cramped in its present location and no doubt could use bigger quarters to a much better advantage. Right along with a new government building we should have free delivery as the receipts of the office have for a long time been enough to justify this convenience.

Postmaster A. B. Wagner this week received an enquiry from the First Assistant Postmaster General relative to the amount of business handled here now, the amount handled ten years ago and an estimate of what increase could be expected during the next few years. The department also made requests in regard to property values and other matters that would indicate that Clovis has a good chance to get a federal building sometime in the future. These things take time, but it is almost certain in years to come we will get an appropriation for a new postoffice building here.

The stamp sales from the Clovis office for the year ending March 31, 1919, were \$24,123.45. Each year for the past several years has seen an increase in the receipts of the office here and with more sidewalks and street crossings, Clovis could easily get free city mail delivery.

Would you like to sit at the peace conference at Versailles? That of course cannot be, but you can have them with you by proxy—you can see them in the great picture, "The Great Victory, Wilson or the Kaiser? The Fall of the Hohenzollerns," with an all-star cast, which will be shown at the DeLuxe Theatre Friday and Saturday.

## STRIKE CALLED OFF

New York, July 2.—The strike of the Commercial Telegraphers Union against the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies was declared off this afternoon, it was announced here by Percy Thomas, deputy international president of the organization.

Edward Reynolds, vice president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph company announced after he was informed that the strike had been called off, that those strikers who wished to return to work could do so, though they had to risk finding their places filled. At the offices of the Western Union it was said that men wishing reinstatement would have their claims passed upon by a committee of employees.

Mrs. Hugo Klemann and little daughter, Alice, who live northwest of Texico, left Sunday morning for a visit to Galveston, Texas.